

## MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Board of Directors Meeting for the 2024-25 Term Held on Monday, November 18, 2024 Aurora Town Hall, Leksand Room

Presiding:	Glen Sharp, President
Directors Present:	Glen Sharp (President) Rob Ishoj (Treasurer) Louis Gambino (Vice-President) Rob Gaby (Secretary) John Scherrer, Jim Abrams, Julia Jackson, Vern Cunningham, Kevin Griffiths
Staff Members:	Karie Papillon, Adult Programs Co-Ordinator Andrew Bailey, Assistant Programmer Brandie Yorg, Program Lead
ASA Members: Regrets:	Dave LeGallais (Director Emeritus) Nick Senick, Frank Snape (Finance Committee) Carol Hedenberg, Rob Seath
Recording Officer:	Shirley Dionne

**D24-06-01: Call to order:** A quorum being present, President Glen Sharp declared the meeting open to transact business at 1300 hours.

#### D24-06-02: Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be approved as distributedMoved by: John ScherrerSecond by: Vern CunninghamCARRIED

#### D24-06-03: Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 2024, be approved as distributed.Moved by: Vern CunninghamSecond by: John ScherrerCARRIED

#### D24-06-04: PRESENTATIONS – N/A

#### D24-06-05: BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Updating of Directors' Reference Manuals – review of new manual went well. Printing issues for those with Apple computers. To print PDFs from the link you need to download as PDFs to your computer and print from there.



Action: Shirley Dionne and Rob Gaby to complete a final review of all documents within the manual. Once completed a final release will be issued and a hard copy to be printed and placed at the front desk.

- b) Appointment of 2025 Nominations & Elections Committee Chair Louis was asked and accepted the role of Chair of the Committee. Vern Cunningham offered his services to assist the committee.
- c) Addition of Wednesday (10-Noon) Snooker session update
   Dave LeGallais shared that the newly created snooker session on Wednesdays from 10-noon is now
   full. This makes 8 sessions with 64 players. Spares are an issue which Dave is managing.
- d) December Celebratory luncheon plans

Glen suggested that at the next board meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, the board bring in lunch at their own expense (Swiss Chalet) as a small celebratory luncheon with the meeting to follow at the town hall.

Action: Vern suggested that he would investigate the Shed. Cost of food is reasonable. He will also see if we can continue our board meeting at that location after our lunch. Vern to update Glen and a decision will be made and shared with the board.

# Programs Coordinator's Report (\*1)

Karie Papillion presented and reviewed the report containing the following information:

- 1. First Aid Training. Currently there are openings available and will take place in January. Currently members from the board are John Scherrer, Vern Cunningham, Louis Gambino, Kevin Griffiths, and Jim Abrams along with members from the woodshop. *Action: board is to inform Karie of anyone else interested in taking this training*
- 2. Plexiglass at reception

Town customer service desks are required to have a plexiglass protection for security / safety reasons. ASA center falls under these regulations. Karie requested a board motion to remove the plexiglass. Carol Hedenberg was asked to speak on behalf of the reception staff, she stated that 95% of the staff would like it removed, key reasons is that it is hard to hear, and it is felt that it will bring back a more friendly perspective to the people coming into the center.

Motion: to remove the plexiglass from the reception area at the Aurora Seniors CentreMoved by: Vern CunninghamSecond by: Jim AbramsCARRIED

# D24-06-07: Treasurer's Financial Reports to July 2024 and Finance Committee Report (Attached)

Treasurer Rob Ishoj presented one report:

Treasurer sent out the financial report and statements

• Bank balance - \$10,289. A drop from prior months due to payment of Q3 Town fees, annual

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insurance and other costs.

- GIC's \$525,935. No changes other than accrued interest of \$2,159.
- Revenues \$7,317; Expenses \$10,087; Net loss for October of \$3,589
- YTD net income of 25,894 exceeds budgeted net income of \$11,555.
- No issues, unusual transactions or concerns. November and December will be 'clean-up months' to ensure balance sheet accounts are at the correct amounts (i.e. minor adjustments required)
- Two (2) reserve funds Future Needs fund and Operating reserve will be set-up in QuickBooks and on our financial statements in November / December

Motion: that the board approve the Financial Report to October 10, 2024

Moved by: Rob Ishoj

Second by: Rob Gaby

CARRIED

The following committees had Nil reports:

- a) Nominations & Elections
- b) Conduct Review Inactive

## D24-06-08: STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

D24-06-08-a: Finance - Board Liaison Rob Ishoj reviewed the following:

- Computer/QuickBooks upgrade, Ivo and Rob to sit down and plan
- Investments new GIC spreadsheet, Ruth has prepared the new spreadsheet, Rob to work on Ladder summary, ready for the next maturities in 2025
- Treasurer replacement Rob has found a replacement for this position Harold Reiter. Highly
  qualified and is willing to step into the role. Harold has agreed to put his name forward and will run
  for a position on the board in 2025. Rob Ishoj has requested his attendance at the next available
  Board meeting as well as the Finance Committee meeting. Training will begin prior as there is lots to
  learn. Discussion on separating this position into two has begun and Anne Ella-Arnold will be
  sanctioned into the new role of Assistant Treasurer and will begin training in December.

Motion: To create a position called Assistant Treasurer

Moved by: Vern Cunningham	Second by: Julia Jackson	CARRIED
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Notion: To approve Finance report		
Moved by: Rob Ishoj	Second by: Rob Gaby	CARRIED

### D24-06-08-b: By-Law - Board Liaison Rob Gaby reviewed the following:

- By-law committee had a very productive session. The key focus was the reduction of the voting time for elections. Reduction of days from 47 to 32. This tightens up the process and will ensure to keep everyone engaged. It was suggested by Jim Abrams that more hype/communications are promoted during this time to excitement.
- Kevin requested clarification on the re-submission of applicates within the nomination period. It was clarified that it would be the last submission received which will be used for the votes.
- John Scherrer stated that the voting comes in two waves. right up front and in the last day or two.



*Motion: To approve By-Law report* Moved by: Rob Gaby

Second by: John Scherrer

## D24-06-08-c: Fundraising - Board Liaison Vern Cunnigham reviewed the following:

- Everything is moving along smoothly. A large THANK YOU to Julia Jackson along with the volunteers for the Holiday Market Place success. Sitting at \$6,500 with the final tally pending.
- Trying out a couple of new places (Our Lady of Grace- \$305 and Alex Muir \$100) for Fraktal sales.
- Square was used for the first time and Vern was pleased. Trying to bring down the cost of the Murder Mystery by reducing the venue and meal costs.
- Looking into a reading night by an author for 2025.

Motion: To approve Fundraising report

Moved by: Vern Cunningham Second by: Rob Gaby

Karie asked the board to join her team at the Bingo Night at the Market Brewery on Thursday, November 21, 2024. If attending, please let her know.

Vern requested that Rob Seath leave the room for a moment. Rob left the room. Vern stated that Rob has been instrumental lately and feels he belongs on the fundraising committee. Motion: That Rob Seath be added on the Fundraising Committee Moved by: Vern Cunningham Second by: Julia Jackson CARRIED

### D24-06-08-d: Membership & Volunteers - Board Liaison Julia Jackson reviewed the following:

- Memberships are up currently sitting at 1,679 confirmed members. 71% in town; 29% out of town; Women 67% and Men 33%. Due to missing birthdays the over 85 age is quite high as those with out birthdays are marked as 100+ years.
- Two new sessions have been added to Let's Get Acquainted.
- Volunteers sign up is now full. Orientation to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Julia was looking for updated By-Law Committee roles. Shirley Dionne to forward to her from the new manual.

Motion: To approve Membership & Volunteers report

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### D24-06-08-e: Operations and Activities - Board Liaison Louis Gambino reviewed the following:

- Dave asked for guidelines for the activity of the coordinators, this is being looked at and recommendations will be given to O&A
- Dave LeGallais wants to step down as chair and it was suggested that Julia Jackson take this position. This will be brought forward to the next committee meeting and will be ratified by the board at that time.

### Motion: To approve Operations and Activities report

Noved by: Julia Jackson	Second by: Vern Cunningham	CARRIED

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## D24-06-08-f: Senior Affairs, Grants & Awards - Board Liaison Jim Abram reviewed the following:

• No Report

D24-06-08-g: Special Events/Social – Board Liaison Glen Sharp reviewed the following:

- Glens first meeting and was very happy with the session.
- Trivia night was a success and will continue with 2 annual events.
- Lots of energy in the room and committee is on the right track

Motion: To approve Special Event/Social report

Moved by: Glen Sharp

Second by: John Scherrer

CARRIED

## D24-06-09: Ad-hoc Committees

- a) Nominations & Elections
- b) Conduct Review Inactive

# D24-06-10: Secretary's Report

# Let Us Know:

YOUR INPUT: Date: Oct 26, 2024 It is well known that the 2 small tables in the
snooker room are in very Poor shape. They are notonge level, the cloth is worn out and the
rail bumbers have become stiff over time. They were not replaced
the last time the tables were serviced. I suggest the Shuffel Bard table be sold to offset the cost, No One has used it in years. Name: ELI KORCZAK Date: Oct 26, 2024

Board members had a discussion regarding the tables. It was decided that it will be taking under consideration. Shuffleboard will remain as is for now. A response to this effect will be posted by Rob Gaby.

# D24-06-11: Vice-President's Report – Verbal/Attached

 Michael Shiravand contacted Louis regarding the Wind Phones. Michael asked if a Wind Phone could be placed on the ASA premisses. Vern provided details on the Wind Phones. It is a phone booth with an unattached phone so people grieving can make a call to their loved ones. These booths are and will be in Newmarket (Wilson Street by Fair Lake), Aurora (Shepherds Bush), King City, East Gwillimbury, and Keswick.

# D24-06-12: President's Report – Verbal & Attached

The President provided the following updates:

a) OACAD Conference – picture of Glen, Rob, Karie and Brandy was presented. Glen was pleased to



have attended such a successful conference. Various breakout sessions such as recruiting members & volunteers and CPR/AED training. Lightening talks consisted of 8 people that were given 6 minutes to talk about a specific topic (e.g. walking soccer). The topic of AI was presented at length and was quite interesting how it will continue to grow. Rob Gaby stated how lucky the ASA is to have financial support from the Town of Aurora and how it is managed.

- b) Alzheimer's Thank You Event was attended by Glen Sharp and Jim Abrams. Valuable discussions around the support for family member was a key takeaway.
- c) Sport Aurora event was attended by Glen Sharp and Jim Abrams. Event was held at Wicked Eats. Jane Snape was recognized with an award for her support of the events (Pickleball). 31 people were recognized.
- d) Remembrance Day ceremonies was attended by Glen Sharp and Jim Abrams. A wreath was laid to honour the fallen.
- e) 18 men from the Men's Shed were offered a tour of Dell Manor.
- f) Insurance Claim update. Glen contacted Intact insurance to find out the status of this claim. Response was that there will be an examination of discovery in July 2025. Glen will be a key member of that discovery with Rob Gaby possibly being called. Louis asked if the company was looking at a settlement and the response was no word at this time, we are continuing with the process.

#### D24-06-13: NEW BUSINESS

D24-06-13a: Newsletter Board Page

• Glen to submit Newsletter, December 2024 – Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

### D24-06-13b: Aurora Library books

• Kevin Griffiths shared that the Aurora Public Library has donated 40-50 large print books which will be put out soon for members.

### D24-06-14: ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Board meeting of November 18, 2024, was declared adjourned at 1450 hours.Moved by: Rob GabySecond by: Vern CunninghamCARRIED

Next Board Meeting will be **Monday, December 16, 2024,** at the Town Hall in the Leksand Room.